

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9, and 38 have been amended to more particularly point out what the Applicant regards as the invention. The invention includes navigating through a virtual electronic device on a display illustrating an electronic device to instruct a user how to use a feature of the electronic device.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 17, 18, 20-32, and 35-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Perlman, U.S. Patent No. 6,829,779. Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's claims 1-6, 9-14, 17, 18, 20-32, and 35-38 are not anticipated by Perlman because Perlman does not disclose teach or suggest each and every element recited in independent claims 1, 9, 17, and 38.

Perlman discloses showing connection instructions, including, e.g., an image of a first electronic device, on a display to enable the user to connect the first electronic device to another electronic device. Perlman further discloses requesting a user to identify the electronic devices to be connected and receiving that information.

Claims 1-6, 9-14, and 38

Independent claims 1, 9, and 38, as amended, recite, "navigating through the first virtual electronic device on the display to instruct a user how to use a feature of the first electronic device."

In contrast, while Perlman discloses requesting an input from a user and providing outputs to the user, Perlman does not teach or suggest *navigating* through the first virtual electronic device. It is well known in the computer arts that navigating means moving from place to place on a display. Perlman does not teach or suggest navigating through the connection instructions, disclosing merely that connection instructions are displayed. Therefore, Perlman does not teach or suggest, "navigating through the first virtual electronic device to instruct a user how to use a feature of the first electronic device," as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Perlman does not anticipate independent claims 1, 9, and 38 and associated dependent claims 2-6, and 10-14. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 17-37

Independent claim 17 recites, “a first virtual electronic device shown on the display by the processor to emulate operation of a first electronic device.”

Perlman’s discussion of showing *how to connect two devices* is not equivalent to *emulating operation of a device*, as claimed. Therefore, Perlman does not teach or suggest, “a first virtual electronic device shown on the display by the processor to emulate operation of a first electronic device,” as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Perlman does not anticipate independent claim 17 and associated dependent claims 18-37 and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Dependent claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Perlman, in view of Linnett et al. (U.S. Patent 6,388,665). Linnett qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on having a filing date of Jun. 18, 1997, which is earlier than Applicant’s filing date of Dec. 8, 2000. Applicant reserves the right to swear behind the reference at a later date.

Linnett discloses a software user interface that looks like a house with many rooms.

Claims 7, 8, 15, 16

Linnet does not teach or suggest navigating through the first virtual electronic device to instruct a user how to use a feature of the first electronic device as recited in amended claims 1 and 9. Since neither Perlman nor Linnett teach this limitation, associated dependent claims 2, 7, 15, and 16 are not obvious over the combination of Perlman and Linnet.

Claims 19, 33, 34

Linnet does not teach or suggest a first virtual electronic device shown on the display by the processor to emulate operation of a first electronic device as recited in claim 17. Since neither Perlman nor Linnett teach this limitation, associated dependent claims 19, 22, and 34 are not obvious over the combination of Perlman and Linnet.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-38 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x309.

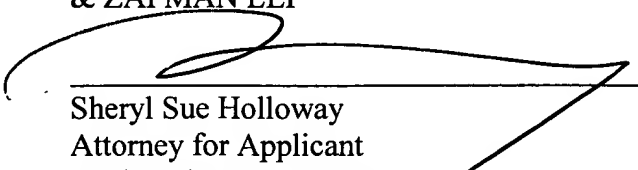
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Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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